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COMMENT OF
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Victory For
Realism

THE outcome of the dispute between the General Council of the TUC and party Socialists over the appointment of trade union representatives to the new Iron and Steel Board has now been made known. The appointment of Sir Lincoln Evans, and two other members has been approved by the TUC General Council, but it is unlikely that this decision will put an end to the controversy which has been aroused in the Socialist Party and in the trade union movement itself. Nevertheless, the verdict was decisive and it was reached after long discussion which provided ample scope for the ventilation of all points of view. It was made abundantly clear that talk about "subtage" of Socialist and trade union nationalisation has nothing to do with the issue. The TUC recognises that the denationalisation of the industry was the act of a democratically elected Parliament which must be accepted in the name of democracy. That being so the trade unions, in the interests of their own members, to say nothing of a broader general interest, must adopt a co-operative attitude. It is to the credit of the Trades Union Council that it prefers straight thinking on these lines to the doctrinaire mentality which sees nothing but the narrow party or sectional point of view.

THE case of the critics appears to rest on the assumption that without trade union co-operation the new Board would be bound to fail and on the fear that, given a fair chance, it may well succeed. That is characteristic of the political school of thought which measures all policies in terms of party advantage alone and equates party advantage with the public interest. If, as it avers, the Socialist Party is resolved, whenever it gets the opportunity, to re-nationalise the iron and steel industry irrespective of the performance of the industry under the new Board, it proclaims itself the prisoner of its own dogmatism. But, except for its Bevanite faction, it has at least refrained from pillorying Sir Lincoln Evans and his trade union colleagues who have consented to join the Board. The TUC's positive verdict is a victory for realism and common sense, even though it was perhaps a victory made easier by the fanatical violence of the Bevanites. Sir Lincoln and his two colleagues are now empowered to go to their task with the official imprimatur of trade unionism and to flout any imputation that they are a set of renegades speaking and acting for nobody but themselves.

HUNGARIAN GOVT RESIGNS

Changes Made In Communist Politbureau

LONDON, July 2. The Hungarian Cabinet has resigned, Budapest Radio announced tonight.

The Radio reported that the Presidential Council had accepted the resignation but had asked the Ministers to conduct day to day business until a new Cabinet was formed.

The Hungarian National Assembly will decide on its composition at a session convened for tomorrow.

Drastic changes in the composition of the Hungarian Politbureau were announced on Tuesday and travellers arriving in Vienna from Budapest yesterday said these had given rise to many rumours of more far reaching changes in the Hungarian Government itself.

The National Assembly meets tomorrow for the first time since its election on May 17.

Two days ago the Central Executive Committee of the Hungarian Workers (Communist) Party abolished the post of Secretary-General held by the Hungarian Prime Minister, Dr Matyas Rakosi.

Instead new three-man Secretariat, consisting of Dr Rakosi, Mr Lajos Acs and Mr Béla Veg, was set up, according to the party organ, Szabad Nép.

MOSCOW VISIT SEQUEL

The Politbureau changes, reducing its size from 17 full members to nine full and two candidate members were dictated to Dr Rakosi during a visit he is believed to have made recently to Moscow, the Budapest sources stated.

Many observers in Vienna believed that the recent moves had weakened the personal position of the Hungarian Prime Minister.

Other striking changes were said to be the dropping of three key figures in the Army and the AVH (secret police) from the Politbureau.

The three stated to have been demoted were the Minister of Defence, General Mihaly Farkas, the Secretary of the Presidential Council of the Hungarian People's Republic, Mrs Piroska Szabo, and the former head of the AVH, Mr László Pirov.—Reuter.

1,300 Germans Held In Slaughter House

Berlin, July 2. Two refugees claimed today that they had just escaped from an East Berlin slaughter house, where 1,300 people arrested after the riots, were held prisoner in "inhuman conditions."

They swam to the West sector across the river Spree.

The refugees said two of the prisoners, a man aged 65 and a young woman, had gone mad and had been taken to an asylum.

In the slaughter house at Friedrichsfelde, they said, 1,000 East Berliners and 300 West Berliners were jammed together so tightly that they could only sit. The only sanitary arrangements was a row of open buckets in the hall.

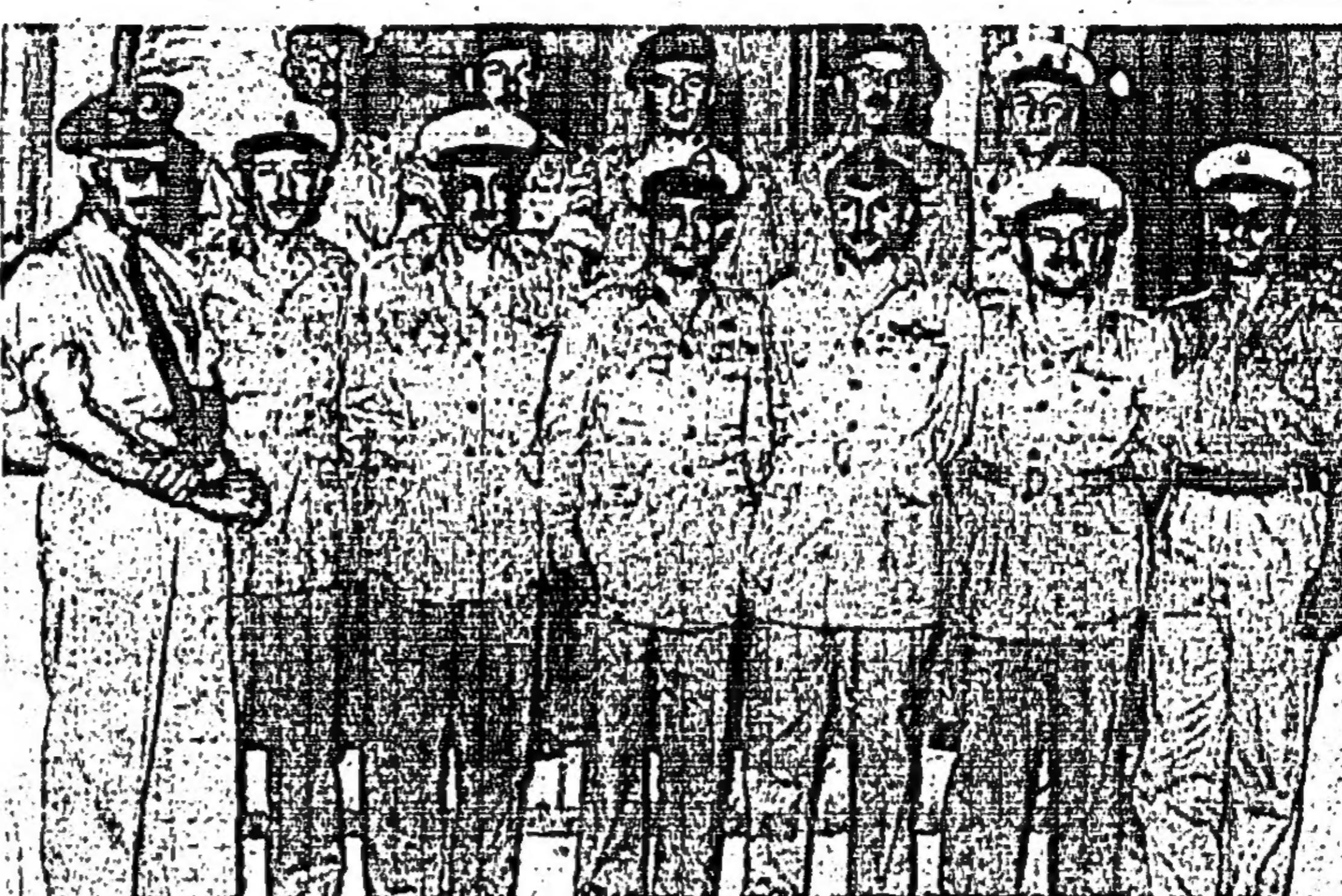
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Pres. Naguib With His Ministers



General Naguib poses with members of his new council in Cairo after proclaiming the abolition of the monarchy and announcing that Egypt was to be a Republic. All Royal titles are abolished, and the 17-month old Fuad, put on the throne when Farouk was deposed on July 26, last year, will now stay in exile with his father. General Naguib has made himself President of the New Republic, as well as keeping his old post as Prime Minister. He has strengthened his hold on the country by bringing men from the Revolutionary Council, the military Junta that helped him depose Farouk, into what until now has been an all civilian Cabinet.—London Express.

Ex-King Of Jordan In Motor Car Accident

Cairo, July 2. Ex-King Talal of Jordan suffered minor head injuries when his Mercedes-Benz car overturned at speed on the Alexandria-Cairo desert road today killing his Alde de Camp, Lieutenant Ibrahim Asfour.

The ex-King was himself at the wheel when the high-powered car crashed into a ditch about 25 miles from the Egyptian capital and only a short distance from the British wartime airfield of Cairo West.

King Talal succeeded to the throne of Jordan in 1951 after the assassination of his father, King Abdullah. At the time he was in Switzerland where he had been treated for a nervous disease.

But two years later he abdicated in favour of a regency which ruled on behalf of his son, King Hussein, who was then a schoolboy at Harrow near London.

King Hussein himself succeeded to the throne last May on his 18th birthday.

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AT HIGH SPEED

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Two other occupants of the car, an Egyptian police officer and an Egyptian driver, from whom the ex-King had taken over the wheel, were seriously injured.

An Egyptian businessman, Abdo Kawi Ahmed, who was returning to Cairo by the same desert route, lifted the four bleeding men from the car.

They were rushed to Kar Elaini government hospital in Cairo, but Lieutenant Asfour died on the way.

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NEURATH REPORTED DYING

Bonn, July 2. The independent evening newspaper Der Morgen of Duesseldorf said today that Baron Konstantin Von Neurath, former German Foreign Minister now held in the four-power war criminals prison in Spandau, Berlin, was dying.

The paper said it had learned this from Allied sources in Berlin.

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Two More Ministers Fall III

Mr Duncan Sandys Goes To Hospital

London, July 2. Two more key members of the British Government became invalids today, bringing to four the number of Ministers out of action.

A fifth important Conservative, Mr Brendan Bracken, who was closely associated with Sir Winston Churchill politically since before the war, was prevented by ill health from taking part in the present Government.

Today's victims of the epidemic in high places were Mr Duncan Sandys, Minister of Supplies and son-in-law of Sir Winston Churchill, and Mr Harold Macmillan, the Minister of Reconstruction, whose housing programme is a vital part of the Government's domestic policy.

Mr Sandys is suffering from circulatory troubles in a foot, but his wife said tonight that an operation had to be put off until a later date, because he needed an operation on his left hand. She said it was hoped that he would be discharged from the hospital in a few days.

Mr Macmillan, like the Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, has a gall bladder ailment.—France-Presse.

CHURCHILL LATEST

Westham, July 2. Sir Winston Churchill completed the first week of his enforced "rest" cure at his home here today and authoritative quarters said the 78-year-old Prime Minister continued to make progress.

Lord Moran, his personal physician did not stay overnight at Chartwell Manor, the Churchill country residence here and Sir Winston Churchill's friends regarded this as an encouraging sign.

Since last Friday when the Prime Minister bowed to his doctor's orders to rest for a month and abandon his Bermuda trip Lord Moran has spent most nights at Chartwell. Last night he returned to London, going to Westminster today to give Sir Winston Churchill his daily check over.

The Prime Minister had no luncheon party today but tonight he was entertaining his housing and local government Minister Mr Harold Macmillan to dinner.

Macmillan, 50, is faced with the possibility of an early operation for gall bladder trouble, the complaint for which Mr Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary has had three operations.—Reuter.

Big Four Conference Now Unlikely WESTERN POWERS NOT TO TAKE INITIATIVE

London, July 2.

Prospects for a Big Four conference with Soviet Russia in the "foreseeable future" were virtually abandoned in official British quarters today.

Informed sources said that a direct Western initiative for such a meeting is at present no longer envisaged either before or after the Washington talks between the Foreign Ministers of Britain, the United States and France.

The idea for top level talks with Soviet leaders, strongly advocated by the Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, has not been dropped altogether, but it has been indefinitely postponed, according to the sources.

The Washington meeting was now expected to review urgent international and bilateral problems rather than develop into a top policy making conference. But the Ministers will, it was understood, attempt to align their policies as far as possible to be prepared for any new Soviet move which officials here believe will come shortly.

MOSCOW PREPARING

Diplomatic reports reaching London indicated that in the absence of a Western approach the Soviet were out to take the initiative and urge four-power talks. There was, in fact, more evidence today that Moscow is preparing for some such move to coincide with the Washington meeting or even to precede it.

Three terrorists were killed and another was wounded before the gang fled.

In the Fort Hall area a Mau Mau gang attacked a Loyalist post and killed three guards before burning down the seven huts in the camp.

The terrorists were dressed in police uniform and carried rifles.

Troops who found a Mau Mau slaughterhouse recovered nearly 100 head of cattle.—Reuter.

Nairobi, July 2. Catholic priests rallied Africans around them to beat off a Mau Mau gang which attacked their mission in the Nyeri area today.

MANSLAUGHTER CHARGES

Nairobi, July 2. Members of the Kenya's security forces appeared in court here today accused of the manslaughter of an African alleged to have died as a result of a beating they administered.

The two men, Richard Geoffrey Keales, a senior officer of the Kenya Police Reserve and Jack Lionel Ruben, a Sergeant of the Kenya Regiment, were granted bail until July 17 when the hearing will begin.—Reuter.

Loan Of Carrier Recommended

Washington, July 2. The Senate Armed Services Committee today recommended to the Senate the immediate loan of an aircraft carrier to France for use in the Indo-China war.

The Committee also recommended the loan of two modernised Snorkel submarines to Italy to strengthen North Atlantic Treaty defences.—Reuter.

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Sterling Area's Gold And Dollar Reserves Show Increase

Gigantic Stride In Medical Research

Washington, July 2. A new kind of medical research centre devoted to conquering chronic diseases which all man was opened today by the United States Government.

Congress provided funds for the construction of the 14-storey building and will vote money for its operating costs.

The research will cover seven major fields: cancer, heart disease, arthritis, mental ailments, epilepsy, rheumatic fever and dental diseases.

Dr Henry Serebry, head of the National Institute of Health, described the centre as a revolutionary stride in medical research.

"For the first time in history we will be able to integrate laboratory and clinical research so that there can be a complete study of the chronic diseases that kill men," he said.

All patients at the centre will be volunteers. Its first patients, eight women cancer sufferers, will be admitted on Monday. It is capable of holding 500 non-paying patients.

The Centre's Director, Dr John Traumans, said that only people recommended by physicians, hospitals or medical schools would be admitted. They would all fulfil a special requirement.

Every step of their treatment would be explained to them as it progressed but they could leave when they wished.—Reuter.

FRENCH ATTEMPT ON NUN KUN

Bombay, July 2. Michel de Sorbier, member of the seven-man French mountaineering expedition to the 23,000-foot Himalayan Peak of Nun Kun, arrived this morning from Colombo on the liner Strathmore.

The leader of the expedition, Bernard Bierier, and three other French climbers are expected to arrive in India this week-end.—Reuter.

NZ Premier Leaves

London, July 2. Mr Sidney Holland, Prime Minister of New Zealand, left London by air today for Amsterdam on his way home after the Coronation and the Commonwealth conference in London.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Large numbers (6).
 - Room (5).
 - Talking wildly (4).
 - Uncanny (6).
 - Fastidious (4).
 - Libelled (7).
 - Tree (6).
 - Ceremony (4).
 - Smooth (4).
 - Mature (5).
 - Far (7).
 - Sediment (4).
 - Make reparation (5).
 - Gambling-place (6).
 - Colour (6).
 - Nook (6).
- DOWN**
- Denuded (8).
 - Progresses (8).
 - Repair (4).
 - Gets ready (8).
 - Band instrument (6).
 - Worth (5).
 - Judgment (8).
 - Mends (5).
 - Treat lightly (8).
 - Snatches utterly (8).
 - Prey (9).
 - Bundlo (4).
 - Large numbers (8).
 - Spouse (8).
 - Arrival (8).
 - Allegre (8).
 - Hidden (10).
 - Pleats (14).
 - Rubid (16).
 - Strides (10).
 - Rovens (17).
 - Tropio (20).
 - Cider (21).
 - Agree (22).
 - Loll (23).
 - Moss (17).
 - Recess (22).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD. — Across: 3 Approach, 8 Umpire, 9 Repelled, 11 Compiled, 12 Oste, 13 Larks, 18 Lasts, 10 Ears, 22 Limiting, 24 Exploded, 25 Severe, 26 Luckless. Down: 1 Bunch, 2 Spume, 3 Arrival, 4 Pool, 6 Rued, 8 Allegre, 7 Hidden, 10 Pleats, 14 Rubid, 16 Strides, 18 Rovens, 17 Tropio, 20 Cider, 21 Agree, 22 Loll, 23 Moss.

(By SYDNEY CAMPBELL)

London, July 2. The sterling area's gold and dollar reserves increased by \$16,000,000 during June, the Treasury announced today.

This increase brought the reserves to \$2,367,000,000 on June 30, their highest level since early in 1952 but still far below the mid-1951 peak of \$3,867,000,000.

June's increase included \$28,000,000 of defence aid from the United States and \$10,000,000 from the European Payments Union, in part payment of the Union during May.

The May surplus equalled \$20,000,000, half of which was payable to Britain in dollars during June.

Provisionally, the Treasury announced that the surplus with the EPU for June fell to only £1,500,000, equal to about \$4,000,000.

This will be settled during July, half of it by dollar payment to Britain and the other half by reduction of Britain's debt to the EPU.

Thanks only to United States defence aid — which increased from \$13,000,000 in May to \$20,000,000 in June — and to the payment in June on the EPU surplus for May, June's increase of \$16,000,000 in the reserves compares fairly well with the increase of \$18,000,000 during May.

On current accounts June was by far the least gratifying month of this year.

The surplus with the dollar area has slumped from \$75,000,000 in April to only \$8,000,000 in June.

The surplus with the European payments Union has fallen even more smartly from \$42,

Agriculture Output Up

London, July 2. Britain's gross agricultural output in 1949-1950 reached £906,000,000 compared with the £291,000,000 pre-war average, Government statistics showed today.

A report said the value has risen steadily year by year but started recording the steepest increases in 1947 when farmers were authorised to charge much higher prices.

Crop yields continued the upward trend which began during the war.

Milk production reached 2,160,000 gallons in 1949-1950 compared with a pre-war average of 1,781,000,000 gallons.

Egg output in the same year rose by 6,728,000,000 over the pre-war figure of 5,414,000,000.—Reuter.

Tourist Payments

Payment of about \$22,000,000 for this exceptional purchase was transferred during the latter part of June.

Without it the surplus with the dollar area would have been unexpectedly good, \$30,000,000 instead of \$8,000,000.

The surplus with the European Payments Union was also fortuitously reduced by Britain's payment on June 30 of about \$10,000,000 of half yearly interest.

On the other hand tourist payments were probably in Britain's favour in June as they will not be in July and August.

June benefited from Connexion spending in Britain. British tourists spending abroad is still to come.—Reuter.

McCARTHY IGNORES QUESTION

Washington, July 2. Mr Dooley A. Wilkerson, chairman of the sub-committee, told Mr Wilkerson, a writer on Negro problems:

"We find that the old State Department was purchasing your books and spreading them around the world allegedly to fight Communism."

"May I ask what books of mine were used?" asked Mr Wilkerson. He repeated the question but each time Senator McCarthy ignored it.

Mr Wilkerson invoked constitutional protection against possible self-incrimination and refused to say whether he was or had been a Communist.—Reuter.

Saigon Port Activity Shows Rise

Saigon, July 2.

Imports and exports by coastal and ocean shipping to Saigon during the first five months this year amounted to nearly 1,000,000 tons, showing an increase of 60,000 tons as compared with the first five months of 1952 and 230,000 tons with the corresponding period in 1951.

This increase in the total volume of trade was due to a steady rise in imports. The volume of exports registered a slight decline.

Imports for the first five months in 1951 totalled 429,000 tons, which rose to 614,000 tons in 1952 and to 600,000 tons in 1953. The greater part of the imports was brought in by ocean-going steamers. Goods landed by coastal shipping increased by a less marked degree, the 1952 figure being 0,000 tons higher than that of 1951, and that of 1953, 8,000 tons more than that of 1952.

Exports made through ocean-going vessels for the same period in 1953 were 54,000 tons, compared with 100,000 and 100,000 tons respectively for the corresponding periods in 1952 and 1951.—France-Presse.

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Forced Over Border



An unusual incident in the recent East Berlin riots was the misadventure suffered by one of the East German Deputy Premiers, Otto Nuschke, who was forced over the border line into West Berlin by the demonstrators. Nuschke, who was returned to the Eastern zone later by the Western authorities, is shown here being interviewed.—Express Photo

Three Lessons Learned In Korean War Re-Emphasised

MILITARY EXPERT'S REVIEW

New York, July 2. Hanson W. Baldwin wrote in the New York Times today that it seemed justified to say there were three lessons learned in the Korean war which needed re-emphasising.

He quoted the German philosopher Hegel to the effect that "people and Governments have never learned anything from history".

Mr Baldwin said those lessons learned in the early months of the Korean war and underscored during three years of combat were:

1. The necessity for a better understanding by Americans of the Asian mind."

2. "The almost complete dependence of the South Korean Army on United States aid."

3. "The limitations of air power and sea forces in severance of enemy communications lines and in the control of land areas."

In discussing the first point Mr Baldwin recalled the early

President Syngman Rhee's actions to balk a truce. Mr Baldwin said:

"Volatility and emotionalism, not always associated with Western minds, with Oriental peoples have characterised Korean actions ever since the first days of the war and these characteristics, plus what seems to the Westerner to be a stubborn lack of logic, are typified by recent events."

Mr Baldwin said the South Korean army was dependent upon United States forces for virtually every necessity of combat except manpower.

He listed military advisers who often have acted virtually as commanders, arms and equipment, training, ammunition and logistics, communications, artillery and armoured support and air and naval support.

"This dependence, despite Mr Rhee's brave talk of fighting alone, is so great that the South Korean army today could not long exist in battle against the Chinese Communists unless supported by the United States," he said.

REMARKABLE SHOW

Finally Mr Baldwin said the air force and the navy had over and over again destroyed virtually every bridge in North Korea, cut rail-lines in thousands of places, destroyed 6,000 railway wagons and 30,000 road vehicles.

The Communists have thus

shown a remarkable facility to adjust their tactics and particularly their supply system—despite the Allies air and naval domination", he said.

"The combat effectiveness of

their army and its capability

for offensive action actually

have increased rather than decreased in the face of Allied attacks"—Reuter.

"ARRIBA" ACCUSES CHURCHILL

'Trying To Sabotage Defence Talks'

Madrid, July 2. The Spanish Falange newspaper Arriba said today that Sir Winston Churchill, the British Prime Minister, was trying to "sabotage Spanish-North American defence talks."

The paper alleged this was revealed in reports from the United States that Gibraltar might become a naval command centre for the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO).

Arriba, which frequently reflects official opinion, added:

"At the now abandoned Bermuda meeting, Churchill intended to include on the agenda once again British hostility towards Spain."

Churchill was prepared to travel to Bermuda to sabotage Spanish-North American conversations.

Arriba is the first comment

by a Spanish newspaper on the reports, though news agency despatches from Washington have appeared—with headlines such as "British Generosity" "Gibraltar offered to NATO"—Reuter.

America Expresses Disapproval

(From Duke Wright)

Colombo, July 2.

The latest American expression of disapproval of Ceylon's continued exports of rubber to Communist China is seen in the

United States Government's attempt to control the rates to

which Ceylon intends to buy from America at a cost of 250,000

tons.

Sir Claude Corea, Ceylon's Ambassador in Washington, has informed his Government that the U.S. Government wants a list of purposes for which the aircraft is to be used before she will issue an export permit.

The Americans also require a specific assurance that the helicopter will not be used for spraying rubber plantations.

In addition to such work as

assisting to control illicit immigration from India and air-sea rescue work, however, Ceylon intended to use the helicopter for spraying rubber crops.

This latest American request is now receiving careful

consideration by the

U.S. Government.

It will be practically a

Franco-German army with the

Scandinavians refusing to

accept even the idea and the

British granting it a purely literary association."

The rank and file deputies

are expected to support M.

LaCoste's motion that the

Socialist Party is in a state of

crisis.

The Socialist Tramwaymen's

Union has called the strike in

support of higher wage demands.

The motion calls for a removal of the "propaganda

and the leaders of the party to

continue at the four-day Congress.

Joint Inquiry To Be Held

Belgrade, July 2. Romanian officials will meet this month to discuss the setting up of joint inquiry teams to investigate frontier incidents between Yugoslavia and Romania provoked over the last five months.—Reuter.

TECHNICAL AID PLANS HAMPERED

Geneva, July 2. The United Nations Technical Assistance Board reported today that lack of funds was hindering the development of the technical assistance programme.

The Board's fifth report says the number of countries and territories receiving assistance rose from 71 to 87 by the end of 1952.

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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Bid Not Problem In This Hand

By OSWALD JACOBY

"PLEASE solve a problem for us," requests a Seattle correspondent. "I'm sure you won't like the bidding of the accompanying hand, but the bidding is not really our problem."

"West opening the king of spades, and I won with the ace of spades. I really didn't know how to proceed, but I hit upon the idea of leading a low diamond and freezing dummy's jack while dummy still had a trump. 'East' won with the queen of diamonds and returned the three of clubs. This gave me my big problem. To finesse or not to finesse?"

"I looked carefully at East, but he happened to be a very experienced player and would look just as calm whether or not he had the queen of clubs. I then looked at West, and discovered nothing from an examination of his face."

"The only thing I had to guide me was the mathematical fact that the queen is not likely to drop when the opponents hold as many as five trumps between



Famous last words: "Now don't worry about the dishes, mother, we'll do them right up. You just go out and have a good time."

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

FRIDAY, JULY 3

Born today, you have generous and friendly impulses which make you beloved by everyone. Yet there is a certain reserve in your make-up which makes it difficult for those you just meet to really get to know you. But once the ice has been broken there can be no more complete friend than you were about the first one.

You have a deep love of nature and a very real understanding of humanity. You enjoy traveling and meeting all kinds of people in all different countries. Your vivid imagination can be utilized in art, literature, or in travel. Enjoy life to the full and your greatest contentment among members of your own family and for this reason you will be a good wife to wed at an early age and have a large family of your own.

To find out what the stars have in store for you, consult your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, JULY 4

CANCER (June 22-July 23) — Even if this is the Fourth of July and celebrations are in order, don't neglect necessary tasks.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23) — This can be a real day of relaxation from usual duties. See that you do something different and exciting.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22) — If you are driving, be careful in traffic. You may be caught out by the other fellow, too.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Be on your guard against the unexpected. Don't get caught unprepared for an emergency.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22) — Make the most of the weekend at the country or shore with people whose company you enjoy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22) — This can be a wonderful time to let out your energy. Store up a lot of good fresh air.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20) — Take good advantage of this holiday weekend. Get away from routine and do something different.

DUMB-BELLS

WHAT IS THIS ONE BROILED CAPON DOLLAR SAUTE CHASSEUR FIFTY?



BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Little Miss Fairy Was Lost

—But Mr. Punch Helped Her Find Her Acorn-Home—

By MAX TRELL

"UNCLE Punch," said Hanid, "the shadow-girl with the turned-about name, "did you ever meet a fairy?"

Mr Punch, who was dozing comfortably at that moment in his rocking chair with the thought of fairies farthest from his mind, looked up with a start. "Oh, what was that you said?"

"I said, Uncle Punch, did you ever meet a fairy?"

Six of A Peanut?

"Oh, a fairy. Let me see now, fairy, fairy? Why yes," he suddenly said, a happy smile brightening his face. "I certainly did meet a fairy. She was about the size of a peanut, and had

silver wings. The day I met her she was lost."

"Lost?" Hanid said in surprise. "How was she lost?"

"She had lost her way. There she was, sitting under a daisy, with her wings drooping and her head in her arms, sobbing. It was enough to make the flowers weep, just to see her and, sure enough, I did notice a tear-drop on a buttercup standing close by, though it may have been only a drop of dew, at any rate, I said: 'Pardon me, can I help you, Miss Fairy?'"

"How do you manage to do it, Uncle Punch?" Hanid asked, quite sure that he had managed to get her back to her acorn again.

"It was really quite simple. Who knows most about acorns and bluebells? The squirrels and bees, of course," he answered before Hanid had a chance to say anything. "So I asked the squirrels and I asked the bees if any of them had noticed a hollow acorn lying under a bluebell. It didn't take very long to find it after that."

"But—but—"

"Indeed they don't," he said, smiling. "You've got to hunt and chirp. Nevertheless," he went on quickly, "I found the fairy's acorn and got her back to its safe and sound. She was so delighted that she said: 'Mr Punch, you have only to make a wish and I'll grant it.' And that moment I happened to be looking at a cherry tree. 'I wish those cherries were ripe,' I said.

"So to my amazement," exclaimed Mr. Punch, "they all instantly became ripe. I shook down a few and the robins ate the rest. Later I wished I had wished for new pipe or a new house or a crock of gold. But it was too late."

"Did you ever meet the fairy again?"

Mr. Punch shook his head. "I never did. She moved. Fairies are always moving."

CARD SENSE

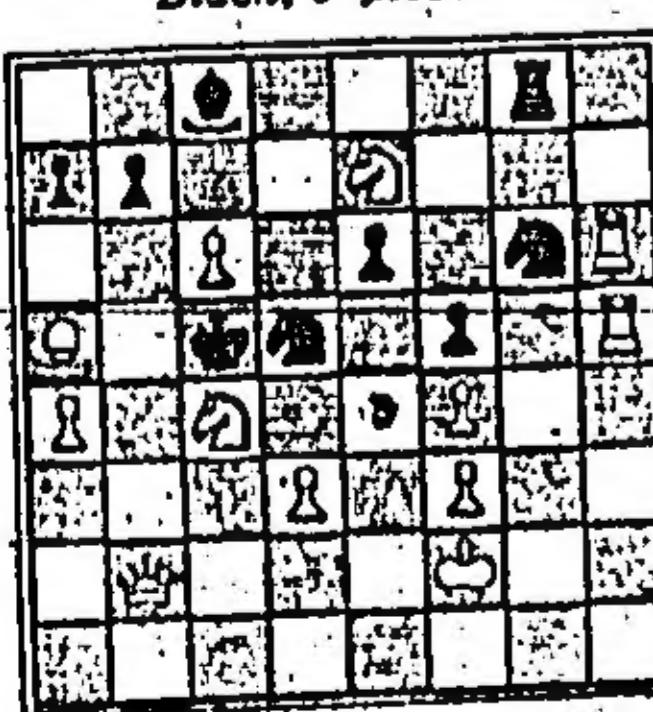
Q.—With both sides vulnerable, the bidding has been: West—North—East—South 1 Spade 2 Diamonds Pass?

You, South, hold: Spades K-J-7, Hearts K-Q-3-2, Diamonds K-7, Clubs Q-J-3-2. What do you do?

A.—Bid two no-trump. You have 15 points in high cards and a probable double stopper in the enemy's suit. Game at no-trump should be easy if your partner has a sound vulnerable overall.

CHESS PROBLEM

By F. W. NANNING
Black, 9 pieces



White to play; mate in three. Solution to yesterday's problem: 1. Kt—K7, any; 2. Q, K (dis ch), or P (=Q, or B) mates.

WHAT'S HER LINE?

NINA FARDOM
Rearrange the letters to spell her occupation.

(Solution on Page 10)

WOMANSENSE

KEEP IN TRIM

PINCH TEST SPOTS WAIST TROUBLE

By IDA JEAN KAIN

WHEN the waist wanders . . . all is not lost. You can cope with it more or less easily. But first get a line on whether it's excess fat or merely flabby muscle you're dealing with.

This pinch test tells . . . Place hands on either side of your natural waistline, with thumbs and forefingers encircling the waist area. See how much fat you can pick up at either side. If it is more than a half inch or three-quarters at most, excess fat is padding the waist.

Another test is to take a deep pinch of fat covering the lower ribs at the sides. If the span between the thumb and forefinger is more than one inch, the layer of subcutaneous fat is too thick . . . solid evidence of overweight.



Now, one final test . . . how does your waistline feel and fit 20 minutes after dinner? When it is too tight for comfort, and you are forced to let it out a notch, you've eaten too much dinner. Tonight, get up from the table just short of that full feeling, for that is the way to cut appetite down to right size. Once away from the sight, taste and aroma of food, you are not tempted to continue eating to belt bulging proportions. Twenty minutes later the physiological effect of the meal begins to take hold and you feel comfortably satisfied and happy that you did not overeat.

If your weight is within normal range, and you still cannot pass these streamlined pinch tests, then flabby musculature is to blame for the wandering waistline. Exercise, by restoring tone to the muscles which wrap crosswise around the sides of the silhouette, slims and shapes the waist. The following exercises reach the right sets of muscles.

Don't Blacken Brows

Eyebrows call for cosmetic attention when they are light-colored. If you use a crayon, avoid black. Dark brown is a better choice because when eyebrows are light, the complexion is usually fair and delicate. Black offers too great a contrast to the skin.

Do quick little strokes with a crayon that has a sharp end. If you extend eyebrows at the far end, see that the line is straight; that the eyebrows match in form.

A MENU TO PLEASE THE KIDS

By ALICE DENHOFF

It doesn't take much to make kids happy or to feed 'em food that they enjoy, and that is good for them.

One young mother we know, a very inventive girl, has worked up what she calls a hamburger banquet for her kids and their gang. Regular invitations go out, made in the shape of a hamburger, with rough-cut edges, the writing in red pencil, for the chili sauce, we presume.

Favourite Menu

The burgers are served picnic style on paper plates, and a favourite menu includes the burgers on toasted buns, creamed potatoes, buttered green beans, a cluster of celery and carrot curls, milk, and for dessert, good old ice cream and cake. Sometimes the dessert gets the hamburger treatment, too, for Mother bakes a yellow sponge cake in a spring mould and fills the centre with chocolate ice cream.

Her hamburger recipe is something special, too.

For 8 servings, she mixes 1/2 c. fine dry bread crumbs, 1/2 c. milk, 1 1/2 tbsp. finely chopped onion, 2 tsp. salt and 1/4 tsp. pepper. To this is added 1 1/2 lb. ground beef and 1/2 lb. fresh ground pork.

The mixture is shaped into very flat patties and fried quickly and thoroughly in a little butter, being turned when browned. If these are made large and flat before cooking, 6 to 8 minutes should completely cook them.

Corn Chowder

Another dish that this young homemaker feeds her hungry brood is an economical, healthful and satisfying Corn Chowder with Bacon.

To serve 4, cut 2 potatoes in cubes and cook in 2 c. boiling water until tender. Do not drain. Add 1 c. cream-style corn and top with milk.

Cut 4 strips bacon in small pieces and fry until crisp with a chopped onion. Add to chowder; season to taste, and serve with toasted crackers for a good luncheon or supper dish.

Add to make the family accept meat loaf, add a party touch. Soak dried apricots for half an hour, drain, and place in bottom of buttered muffin tins. Fill this with meat loaf mixture, bake, and turn out with apricots on top.

Important Casual Dress



GRACE THORNLIFFE

PURE silk and nylon in a shantung weave tells the material story of a dress that while casual, has quite an important air about it. This makes it good for many occasions. The wide open neckline is tucked to simulate rib knit and has three buttonholes opposite to balance. Broad, pin-tucked cuffs bands, and tucks shaping the mid-section are added accents. The skirt is slim below a feather-lined belt that hugs the waist.

Rupert and the Bad Dog—14



Mrs. Bear is by the door when Rupert bursts in. "My, but you're drenched!" she exclaims. "Where have you been? Take your things off quickly and let me dry them, and you must have a hot bath." For some time there are

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Ominous Note Struck By Chairmen Of U.K. Shipping Firms

The chairman's review in an annual report often contains a remark that, like a straw thrown in the air, serves to show which way the economic wind is blowing.

Just lately there have been quite a few of these straws in the wind, shipping company chairmen have been throwing them into the air by the handful and this straw vote is beginning to take on an ominous note for the shipbuilding industry.

Empire Finance Body In Operation

The £15 million Commonwealth Development Finance Company has now been established and has started business. Sir Frederick Godber, its chairman, has announced in London. This is the company envisaged in the communiqué issued at the end of the Commonwealth Conference last December.

The statement that it has started business is taken to mean that the company is now examining applications for its assistance, not that it has already lent money for a project. The company will not provide all the finance needed for a particular project. Its resources are too limited. It aims instead to supply the essential portion that no one else is able to provide. The company will stipulate, it is understood, that:

Quiet Day In Cotton Futures

New York, July 2. Cotton trading today indicated one of the quietest sessions of the year.

Price changes were correspondingly narrow, ranging from one point higher to six points lower. Opening prices were unchanged up to three points.

Aggressiveness was lacking on either side of the market.

With the July positions now considered to be "pretty well straightened out," traders became imbued with the holding spirit or decided to mark time until the Government's acreage report is out of the way next week.

A number of traders made an early exit for the Independence holiday on Saturday and to escape the hot and humid weather predicted for the city over the weekend.

Cotton experts are having a hard time coming to any conclusion on the acreage outlook.

Meanwhile, some reductions expected from the original intentions. Commentators think that the reductions may be the heaviest in the low producing areas and that even if overall plantings are cut, there may still be a big crop this year, allowing for normal crop hazards.

Open contracts in July at the start of the trading totalled 105,000 bales. Trading in the spot will end in the noon hour on July 15. United Press.

SAO PAULO MARKET

Sao Paulo, July 2. Prices of cotton futures closed today as follows:

July	15.85
October	15.70
December	15.00
March	15.00

In the United States, the average price of 15/10s, middling cotton at 10, designated spot markets was 33.10 cents per pound. Sales totalled 10,703 bales.—United Press.

Wall St. Advance Continues

New York, July 2. The advance in stocks continued at a good pace today, although enthusiasm was wanting notably in late dealings as the temperature climbed.

The volume, for the first time in a week, passed the million-share mark, climbing to 1,030,000 shares from 910,000 shares yesterday.

Prices opened firm and rose around the mid-session, and then retreated — more from neglect than from any pressure.

Industrial shares took leadership away from the rails today, finishing with a gain of 84 cents in their average.

Rails generally added fractions to yesterday's wide gains. Profit-taking paved early improvement and the group finished just 27 cents higher on the average.

Oil gains ranged to 1/4 points in Texas Pacific Land Trust at 126 1/4 and a point in Seaboard Oil at 63.

Bethlehem held unchanged at 51 1/4, and US Steel dipped one-eighth to 38 3/4.

The New York Stock Exchange bond volume was 2,910,000. The American Stock Exchange volume was 380,000.—United Press.

New York Sugar Futures

New York, July 2. Sugar futures closed today as follows:

Contract No. 4 (world)

July	3.51
Sept.	3.58 bid
Oct.	3.58 nom.
Jan. 1954	3.62 nom.
March	3.49 bid
May	3.47 nom.
July	3.47 nom.
Sept.	3.47 nom.
Oct.	3.50

Contract No. 6

Sept.	5.98
Nov.	6.04 bid
March 1954	6.07 nom.
May	6.02 nom.
July	6.07 nom.
Sept.	6.07 nom.
Oct.	6.00

The market showed world No. 4 sugar unchanged to 1 point higher with sales of 34 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 ranged from 1 point lower to 1 point higher with sales of 19 contracts.

Steadiness in raws acted to bolster both contracts in quiet dealing. Dealers understood that Cuban buyers overnight purchased 7,000 tons of Cuban raws at 3.00 cents per lb. f.o.b. National Sugar Refinery was the accredited buyer of 3,000 tons of Philippines due in July 13 at 4.40 cents per pound, nominal, West Coast.—United Press.

Copra Quotation

New York, July 2. Copra was quoted at \$108 (asked) per short ton. CIF Pacific Coast.

National Sugar Refinery was the

Taiwan Expects Rice Surplus

Taipei, July 2. Taiwan plans to save 150,000 tons of rice for export after feeding its 9,000,000 people in 1953. Mr R. C. Li, the Provincial Food Director, revealed yesterday.

Mr Li assured the public that there would be no recurrence of the recent food crisis. He said the Government had set the rice production target at an all-time high of 1,700,000 tons this year and estimated that there would be a 150,000-ton surplus for export.

This export, Mr Li said, would net the nation US\$33,000,000, the second largest to be earned by local products.—France-Presse.

Match Firm's Reply

An answer to the criticism of the British Match Corporation contained in the recent report of the Monopolies and Restrictive Practices Commission on the match-making industry has now been submitted to the President of the Board of Trade.

It suggests that the extent and dangers of monopoly power were overstated in the commission's report, and that such power as really existed had not in general been abused but, had, in its exercise, served the public interest.

The report also underlines,

"the very real threat of competition and admits to compare the risks of any abuses with the benefits of the existing conditions in the public interest."

Brigadier H. K. M. Kindersley, chairman of the British Match Corporation, said in London that the B.M.C. had been charged with high production costs; but it was not known upon what evidence that criticism had been based.

No international standard of comparison was available

other than that with the corporation's overseas subsidiaries,

"and so far as comparable these costs are higher than those of B.M.C. So are the costs of the corporation's competitors in this country."

EVERLASTING MATCH

On the subject of the "everlasting" match—for years the industry has been accused of supressing it—he said that so far as the B.M.C. and the Swedish Match Corporation were concerned there was nothing to prevent anybody making everlasting matches; "it is unfortunate that the report does not make this clear."

Referring to the price of matches, Brigadier Kindersley said that the cost had only doubled since 1939—although the duty on a box of matches had been trebled. Now the Exchequer took more than 1d. in duty out of every 2d.; the cost of production was 1d., a box and the distributor received one-third of a penny. The exact figures were: duty, 54 percent; manufacturers' costs, 24 per cent; wholesalers' and retailers' share, 17 per cent; of the remaining 5 per cent nearly two-thirds went in income tax and profits tax.

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POTENTIAL DUMPING

Equally, if three more matches were put into a box the duty payable to the Exchequer by the manufacturer would just about wipe out all his profit on the box. As it was, the duty produced £12m. a year—40 times as much as the taxed profits of the principal match manufacturers and importers.

The commission's report, the chairman emphasised, stated that there was no competition; but last year 1,054,607 gross boxes of competitive matches were imported into this country, partly from behind the Iron Curtain, where politics and the need for foreign exchange count for more than normal commercial profits.

The potential dumping is enormous." There had also been two competitors manufacturing in this country for 20 years and they had no complaints to make to the commission; "they were and are supplied with timber without profit to the British Match Corporation."

Grain Prices In Chicago

Chicago, July 2. Chicago grain futures closed today as follows:

Wheat—price per bushel

July	1.93-1.95
September	1.93-1.95
December	1.93-1.95
March	1.93-1.95
May	1.93-1.95
July	1.93-1.95
September	1.93-1.95
December	1.93-1.95
March	1.93-1.95
May	1.93-1.95
July	1.93-1.95

Corn

July	1.23
September	1.23
December	1.23
March	1.23
May	1.23
July	1.23
September	1.23
December	1.23
March	1.23
May	1.23
July	1.23

Rye

July	1.29-1.34
September	1.29-1.34
December	1.29-1.34
March	1.29-1.34
May	1.29-1.34
July	1.29-1.34
September	1.29-1.34
December	1.29-1.34
March	1.29-1.34
May	1.29-1.34
July	1.29-1.34

Oats

July	731-741
September	731-741
December	731-741
March	731-741
May	731-741
July	731-741
September	731-741
December	731-741
March	731-741
May	731-741
July	731-741

Soybeans

July	2741-2751
September	2741-2751
December	2741-2751
March	2741-2751
May	2741-2751
July	2741-2751
September	2741-2751
December	2741-2751
March	2741-2751
May	2741-2751
July	2741-2751

Barley

July	120-120
September	120-120
December	120-120
March	120-120
May	120-120
July	120-120
September	120-120
December	120-120
March	120-120
May	120-120
July	120-120

New York flour per 200 lb. sack

July	12.18-12.18
September	12.18-12.18
December	12.18-12.18
March	12.18-12.18
May	12.18-12.18
July	12.18-12.18
September	12.18-12.18
December	12.18-12.18
March	12.18-12.18
May	12.18-12.18
July	12.18-12.18

United Press

Future Of The Suez Canal Discussed

Higher gross receipts and lower net earnings compared with 1951 were experienced by many commercial and industrial enterprises last year as a result of all-round price increases and heavier working costs which more than offset the extra receipts.

The Suez Canal Company's receipts for last year rose by roughly 720 mn. francs, whilst the increase in expense was not more than 6 mn. francs in excess of that figure, so in this respect the company was more fortunate than most, since the available profit was much the same as in the previous year.

As M. Francois Charles-Roux observed at the recent annual meeting in Paris, the results certainly provided "no grounds for dissatisfaction," and the company has been able to maintain the progressive policy it has steadily pursued in good times and bad over the years.

Thus the increased and increasing traffic through the canal and the increasing size and draft of ships have not caught the canal authorities unprepared, and the greater volume of work which they have been called upon to perform has been carried out with the efficiency which has come to be expected by the owners of ships of all nations making use of this vitally important waterway.

That accidents in the canal are few and far between, despite the fact that when it was constructed the large sizes and the deep drafts of the ships now passing through it daily could not have been foreseen, speaks volumes for the minor in which those responsible for laying down policy and seeing it carried out have executed their onerous task.

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It did not exaggerate when he claimed that the Suez Canal Company has been rewarded by the confidence placed in it by shipowners—confidence which has been well earned.

It is fair to say that the shipowner members of the company's board of directors have guarded the international shipping industry's interests zealously, and merited their trust, also that of the Egyptian Government.

A guiding principle of the policy traditionally pursued by the company is to be useful and of service to Egypt, and as M. Charles-Roux remarked, this is accomplished first of all by the fact that the company exists and functions, and relieves Egypt of a technically delicate task."

JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Sheila in Mayfair

THE gracious house in Mayfair must have seen many girls of about Sheila's age, pass nervously across its threshold, themselves upon the threshold of their own careers.

Within the memory of living men, girls going to work in the house would arrive with all their possessions stowed in a bag of plaited straw and creep down the area steps to become near-slaves for a salary of a few pounds a year.

Now the house has radically changed in character. The ponderous furniture and family portraits are gone; and the brioche-brace, so highly prized, that needed such an iron nerve to dust, has lain many years undusted and unwanted on the shelves of curio dealers. Strip lighting has replaced the chandeliers, and typewriters chatter purposefully everywhere.

NO CREEPING

From being the town house of a magnate, the handsome building has become, like many of its neighbours, a bustling office. And nowadays, girls who want jobs there do not creep in by the area steps.

They enter by the front door, where the house's new master in his den dictates their stern terms to him, and demand for one week of their labour a sum the serving girl of another day would have deemed fair pay for a year's work.

Sheila began work at the house last month, as a copy-typist. She is a slim, dark-haired, attractive, 21-year-old, and this was her fourth job in the six years since she left school.

How good a copy-typist she was, we have no means of knowing. But the next way she dresses and the pose she assumes both suggest she is the kind of girl who would be thorough in anything she put her hand to.

Unfortunately, she put her hand to other things beside her work. One day recently two girls who worked in the same office, though not in the same room, as Sheila, reported to the management that money was missing from their handbags. In one case, 10s. had gone, in the other, 9s.

The management called in the police, for a thief at large in an office can wreck morale more quickly than almost anything else. The police arrived; one by one they interviewed all the girls who worked in the building. For a frightening half-morning suspicion lay equally upon everyone.

HER TURN

At last, it was Sheila's turn to be interviewed. "I... I... I..." she began, and then her confession came tumbling out.

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Indo-China As Top Subject For Discussion

Washington, July 2. Authoritative diplomatic sources said today Indo-China may outrank in importance even the problems of a Korean truce and the four-power conference when Foreign Ministers of France, Great Britain and the United States meet here next week. They understood that French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault will expect that top priority be given to Indo-China because the French National Assembly and public opinion is strongly against the indefinite continuance of this war.

It is not impossible, they said, that Bidault may warn his colleagues that unless this war can be brought to a satisfactory conclusion soon, the French Assembly may refuse to vote further credits for carrying on the defence of Indo-China.

PUBLIC OPINION

They expect Bidault to point out that the Assembly has to take as much note of its public opinion as Congress does of the United States opinion in regard to foreign policy. Moreover, they said considerable significance should attach to the fact that the Government of Premier Joseph Laniel has abolished the Ministry of the Associated States of Indo-China and for the present at least there is no High Commissioner for Indo-China.

They regarded the abolition of this ministry as signifying that France has agreed to give as much autonomy as possible to the Associated States within the French Union.

Consequently the only real problem that exists at present is the carrying out of the fighting in Indo-China under the direction of the French High Command:

They also believe Bidault will say that with the prospect of an armistice in Korea, French public opinion through its representatives in the Assembly is likely to object to the fact that Frenchmen would then be the only Westerners being killed in the East.

The sources said the recent appointment of General Navarre or French Commander-in-Chief in Indo-China is significant because of his experience of the war of mobility and commando type operation.

MOBILE FRONT

Consequently, they believe that Navarre considers the war might be brought to an early end if the whole front in Indo-China were made mobile.

This, they said, would entail supplying the French Union and local forces in Indo-China with more fighter and transport planes, helicopters and landing craft so that anti-Communist forces could be continuously invading all points of Communist Vietnam-held territories. They said there is more than enough road transportation in Indo-China, but due to the lack of road communications, air and sea mobility is of far greater importance there.

They stressed that quick delivery of the aircraft carrier recently requested by France for Indo-China would be helpful.

Failure to get a three-power agreement on Indo-China at next week's conference might have drastic repercussions on Southeast Asia, they said.

If the repercussions are unfavourable to the anti-Communist cause in Southeast Asia, the strategic security in the Far East would be seriously menaced and the United States might have to build up Thailand as the Gibraltar of Southeast Asia, they contended. — United Press.

Spore's New Power Station

Singapore, July 3. A new \$90,000,000 power station will be officially opened here today. It is said to rank as one of the most efficient power stations constructed in the Far East.

The opening ceremony will be presided over by Sir John Nicoll, Singapore Governor, this afternoon.

The new power house is equipped for a maximum installed capacity of 152,000 kilowatts.—United Press.

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"You'd better drop in, Doctor! His blood pressure went up again!"

US Ambassador To PI Criticised

Manila, July 3. The Liberal Party headed by President Quirino has denounced United States Ambassador Raymond Spruance for "meddling" in local politics and threatened to elevate the case to a government level.

This development came in the wake of Nacionalista Party Presidential Candidate Ramon Magsaysay's claim in a speech made on Wednesday that American aid will cease unless the Quirino administration is changed.

A Party press release on Thursday night said Magsaysay's insistence on such a claim confirmed allegedly reliable reports received by Liberal Party headquarters to the effect that the former Defence Secretary has been authorised by the American envoy to make such statements. The statement called this an "unmistakable indication of American interference in local politics".

"He cannot but put the American Government and public in bad light in the manner he represents them as actively influencing the cause of politics in this country."

It also said Magsaysay now is showing himself to be more a "man of words than the man of action that he claims to be"—United Press.

DENIAL DEMANDED

The statement declared that unless Spruance denies the truth of Magsaysay's claim, the Liberal Party would be compelled to make formal representations with the proper authorities for drastic action.

Simultaneously, Malacanang Palace issued a statement saying that by Magsaysay's claim, he "once more revealed himself to be the ill-informed himself to be the ill-informed if not indeed ignorant and irresponsible aspirant" to the presidency.

It said the former Defence Chief does not understand the historic background and the clear implications of Philippine-American relationship and the mutual character of the defence and other aid arrangements between the two countries "for that he" presumes to be a spokesman of the American Government...

"It is most unfortunate that Magsaysay should talk the way he now does as if he knew the

contents of Robert's written reply were not definitely known. It was reported by reliable sources that it said the Robertson mission has full authority to present the final position of the US, and that the US and the UN are going ahead with plans for a truce, with Rhee or without him.

Robertson is slating the American position in "plain English," one source said. "There will be no table pounding in the US' 'firm' attitude. Robertson is determined to keep the discussions 'friendly and dignified.'

The ROK President was believed sticking to his original demands—a ninety-day limit on the postwar political conference for the United States of America at Hongkong, have received Her Majesty's signature.

It was understood that H.E. the Governor has recognised Monsieur A. Sandor, Acting Vice-Consul in charge of the Swiss Consulate, and Mr. G. C. Tullock and J. K. Hollaway to act as Vice-Consuls for the United States of America at Hongkong.

It was also announced that

four people in the plane were killed instantly.—Reuter.

United Press.

Firm's Cashier Embezzles \$53,000: Sent To Prison

For embezzling over \$50,000 from Messrs Thoresen & Co. Ltd., the 33-year-old cashier of the Company, Siu Kwok-shing, was sentenced to 29 months' hard labour by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning on three counts of embezzlement and one count of fraudulent conversion.

According to the Prosecution, on June 18, the defendant told Mr Anderson, the accountant of Thoresen & Co., that during the last five or six years, he had embezzled around \$50,000 of the firm's money.

Mr Anderson then checked the books of the Company and found that there was over a \$3,000 deficit.

The way that the defendant had embezzled the money was by failing to issue receipts for passage tickets, pocketing money that was to pay for various bills owing to the Company, and on the last count of fraudulent conversion, the defendant pocketed part of some money that Thoresen & Co. intended to contribute to a charitable institution.

The defendant had been working for the firm since 1939 as a clerk, and in 1948 he became cashier of the company. The defendant has a wife and three children in the Colony.

He said that he had embezzled the money because of family expenses.

Important Victory For Eisenhower

House Backs Air Force Budget

Washington, July 2. The House of Representatives today gave President Eisenhower a major policy victory by defeating attempts to add \$1,175,000,000 to his budget for the Air Force.

Voice votes turned down four amendments by Mr George H. Mahon (Democrat, Texas) to increase the budget by this amount—the minimum which General Hoyt Vandenberg, former Air Force Chief of Staff, said was needed to keep the Air Force expanding to 143 wings by mid-1957.

The Eisenhower administration cut \$50,000,000 from the budget recommended by former President Truman for the Air Force.

The Air Force budget amended by the Eisenhower administration was for \$11,000,000,000, representing a cut of \$5,000,000,000 from the amount recommended by President Truman.

The Secretary of Defence, Mr Charles E. Wilson, had contended that the build up of combat air strength would be more rapid under the new plan than under those made during the Truman administration.

The immediate goal was an Air Force of 120 wings. A wing consists of from 30 to 75 planes, depending on the type of aircraft.

TENTATIVE ACTION

The action of Mr Mahon's amendment was tentative in that it could be changed before final passage of the Defence Department appropriation.

Earlier the House tentatively approved without change \$12,082,000,000 for the Navy, \$9,384,383,000 for the Army and \$10,165,000,000 for the Secretary of Defence.

The House also approved plans for the building of a third 60,000-ton aircraft carrier.

Other appointments listed were: Dr J. M. Liston to be an Official Member of the Legislative Council during the absence of Dr the Hon. K. C. Yeo; Mr H. H. B. How, Magistrate, to act as District Judge vice Mr J. Reynolds.

Dr J. M. Liston to act as Director of Medical and Health Services; Dr K. H. Utley to act as Deputy Director of Medical and Health Services; Dr G. V. A. Griffith to act as Deputy Director of Medical Services; Dr Samuel Hollingsworth to act as Senior Officer.

Mr E. P. Gracé and Mr J. J. A. Loughrey to act as Assistant Superintendents of Police; Mr K. H. Goh to act as Assistant Controller of Posts.

Macao, 1.30 p.m., via Lee Hong-kong Shing, Republic. 9.30 a.m.; 6 p.m., train via Canton, Malaya, India, Pakistan, Great Britain and Europe. 6 p.m., via Surface.

Tok Shing, 9.30 a.m., via Lee Hong-kong Shing, Republic.

By Air. 9.30 a.m., via P.A.L.

India, Malaya, 6 a.m., C.P.A.

Hawaii, U.S.A., 6 p.m., P.A.A.

Zealand, 6 p.m., Q.E.A.C.

Iran, India, Pakistan, Great Britain and Europe. 6 p.m., B.O.A.C.

Macao, 9 a.m., via Surface.

By Surface.

Macau, 9 a.m., via Lee Hong-kong Shing, Republic.

Japan, 9 a.m., via Lee Hong-kong Shing, Republic.

Korea, 2 p.m., via Philip.

New Zealand, 6 p.m., via Surface.

Ceylon, Aden, Middle East, Great Britain and Europe. 6 p.m., via Surface.

Hongkong, 6 p.m., via Lee Hong-kong Shing, Republic.

SUNDAY, JULY 5

By Air. 9 a.m., via B.O.A.C.

Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, 6 p.m., via Surface.

Japan, 9 a.m., via Lee Hong-kong Shing, Republic.

Korea, 2 p.m., via Philip.

MONDAY, JULY 6

By Air. 9 a.m., via Lee Hong-kong Shing, Republic.

Philippines, Cebu, Philippines, San Francisco, 6 p.m., C.P.A.

Formosa, 6 p.m., I.I.C. Airways.

By Surface.

RHKD Promotion

It was notified in today's Government Gazette that Private Theodore Norman, of Force Headquarters, Royal Hongkong Defence Force, has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant.